

## Event Information

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### **Saturday, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- Speakers, displays and music at Birchwood School
- Sandhill Crane viewing at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge

### **Sunday, all day**

- Sandhill Crane viewing continues at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge

**Directions:** From 1-40, take US Highway 58 south to TN Highway 60. Turn right and watch for signs to the event. Birchwood is located on TN Highway 60, midway between Dayton and Cleveland and only three miles from the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge.

**Food and Lodging:** Numerous motels and eating establishments are located in nearby Cleveland and Chattanooga. The Birchwood School PTA will sell food and drinks at the school on Saturday only.

**For general information, call  
Meigs County Tourism at (423) 334-5850.**

**For specific program information, call  
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*Birchwood, Tennessee  
February 5 & 6, 2005*

*Free to the Public!*

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By the thousands, Sandhill Cranes are present and conspicuous, which means it's time for the 13th Annual Cherokee Indian Heritage and Sandhill Crane Viewing Days in Birchwood on Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6, 2005. The weekend's program format will be similar to the popular schedule of the past.

### Whooping Cranes

Up to seven reintroduced, endangered Whooping Cranes have been present since the fall of 2004 and on into the winter. Could they still be present at the time of the event? Well, come and find out!

### The Cherokee Removal Memorial Park

This new park is located at the old Blythe Ferry Landing, in Meigs County, near the confluence of the Tennessee and Hiwassee Rivers. Progress has been slow, but steady. In the first phase, viewing platforms have been constructed and are now available for use. The site provides a panoramic view of Hiwassee Island with all its rich archaeological, historical and wildlife attributes. This is also the finest location to watch the thousands of cranes as they arrive daily in the evening and depart in the morning from their Hiwassee Island roost site. It is also an excellent place to watch for both Bald and Golden Eagles.

### Vendors and Exhibitors

One of the best ways to learn about the area is to spend time with the vendors and exhibitors on site. All are knowledgeable on their subject matter and offer a unique perspective on the area. Also, keep in mind that this is the only time of the year when it is possible to assemble such a great combination of speakers, vendors, exhibitors and wildlife for a fun-filled weekend!

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| 8:30 a.m.  | <b>Introduction of Special Guests and Master of Ceremonies of the Day</b><br>Dan Hicks, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency                           |
| 8:45 a.m.  | <b>Welcome to Birchwood</b><br>Hoyt Branham, lifetime resident of Birchwood   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | <b>Planning TWRA's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.</b><br>What does the future hold?<br>Kirk Miles, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency |
| 10:15 a.m. | <b>Following the Sequoyah Trail.</b> It stretches from Tennessee to Oklahoma.<br>Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum                        |



*Prehistoric gorget with scallops, sun circles and triskel design found in the Hiwassee area.*

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| 10:45 a.m. | <b>Pinson Mounds: A Middle Woodland Period Complex Near Jackson, Tennessee.</b> What we know.<br>Mark R. Norton, Tennessee State Regional Archaeologist                  |
| 11:00 a.m. | <b>Eat and enjoy the exhibits.</b> Also, in the auditorium, music will be provided by <b>2nd Nature</b> , with band members Don King, Dave Woodward and Brant Miller     |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <b>Moccasin Bend National Archeological District Moves Forward.</b> What are the dreams?<br>Jim Thompson, Friends of Moccasin Bend National Park                         |
| 1:15 p.m.  | <b>Update on the Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project.</b><br>Geoffrey Dixon, Operation Migration   |
| 2:00 p.m.  | <b>The Saw-whet Owl: Catching and Banding Our Smallest Owl at Maryville.</b><br>Jim Giocomo, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  |
| 2:30 p.m.  | <b>Exploring the Historic Unicoi Turnpike.</b><br>Linda Caldwell, Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association  |
| 3:15 p.m.  | <b>Tom Morgan, Lynne Haas, Dalton Roberts</b> and local Birchwood legend <b>"Red Bird" Clingan</b> bring their unique blend of traditional music to wrap up a great day! |